

Maine Newborn Hearing Program

Advisory Board

Senator Inn & Conference Center, Augusta, Maine

Date: September 23, 2009

12:00 to 4:00

Members Present: Annette Bowman, Cindy Brown, Eileen Peterson, Harriet Gray, Jennifer Libby, Karen Harrison, Karen Hopkins, Kristen Shorey, Lisa Sockabasin, Louise Packness, Romy Spitz, Matt Hearst

Members Absent: Carrie Chojnowski, Deb Stroud, Karen Perry

Program Staff: Betsy Glencross, Toni Wall, Bethany Galligher, Ana Scovil

Presenters: Debra Hannigan, State CDS Director & Steve Meister, MD

Moderator: Betsy Glencross

Scribe: Ana Scovil

I. Please update contact information with Ana

II. Approval of minutes from: May 1st, 2009, accepted.

III. Presentation: “Child Development Services”

Debra Hannigan, State CDS Director gave the Board a PowerPoint presentation on the CDS system. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available upon request.

IV. Presentation: Family Health

Steven Meister, MD Maine CDC Family Health Medical Director
Dr. Meister gave an overview of his background and his role as Medical Director for the Division of Family Health in Maine CDC. Newborn Hearing and Bloodspot screening are two of the programs Steve works with in his position.

V. MNHP Updates: Betsy Glencross

- ◆ Board roles- reminder for Board members that most seats on the Board have specific roles assigned to those appointments.
- ◆ NICHQ (National Initiative for Children’s Healthcare Quality) - The first learning session was in May and the team came back and worked to get Eastern Maine Medical (EMMC) on our learning collaborative and moving forward. Second learning session was last week (Sept 15-16) and the team came back with an improvement project plan. Ana is assuming reporting and data tracking responsibilities.
- ◆ State shutdown days have started. There are 10 per year.

- ◆ ChildLINK:
 - Expanding our database to include more programs and flexibility.
 - Surveillance Evaluation-First stakeholders meeting took place, great turnout and representation including: Board members, audiologists, birth facilities, early intervention programs. We have established a scheduled plan for the next year in order to have this completed by the end of year 2 of CDC Grant.
- ◆ MNHP helped support:
 - Maine Chapter of Hands and Voices Family Fun Day in July.
 - Maine Deaf/Hard of Hearing/Late Deafened Conference in June.
- ◆ Board membership:
 - The Governor's procedure to appoint members to the Board has changed; there is a new and lengthier process for applications.
 - Newly appointed Board members are Cindy Brown(CDS seat), Lisa Sockabasin (DHHS seat), Jennifer Libby (Parent of child with hearing loss seat), & Dr. Matt Hearst("Other" seat- Matt is an ENT, which we feel is a valuable role to be represented on the Board but is not specified by law).
 - Chapter Champion/ Pediatrician seat is vacant and Dr. Steve Meister will be helping us find an applicant for this seat.
- ◆ Birthing facilities – We now have 30 birthing facilities. Blue Hill is no longer a birthing facility.
- ◆ Perinatal Nurse Manager's Meeting in June. Betsy presented on MNHP. The meeting was well attended. Good responses from the nurses.
- ◆ Maine Speech Language Hearing Association. A presentation by Board members was given at their Spring Conference. There will be more on this later in the meeting.
- ◆ New audiology consultant- Bethany Galligher
- ◆ Update audiology guidelines- A panel of audiologists have updated the guidelines. We are in process of getting this edited and hope to have it approved and distributed by the end of the year.
- ◆ Second annual fall Pediatric Audiology Workshop – is scheduled for Sept 25th. Twenty-three Maine audiologists have registered and will receive CEUs from AAA.
- ◆ Child Development Services (CDS) - Betsy did "Lunch 'N Learn" to educate CDS staff members about MNHP. Work continues on the MOA/U. Efforts are continuing on coordination of referrals and data sharing with CDS.
- ◆ Parent Consultant-Quarterly meetings are scheduled for those involved with the Parent Consultant Contract.
- ◆ Early Intervention programs- Attempting for quarterly meetings with CDS, MNHP and ECFS.
- ◆ Lost to documentation – We are having monthly meetings, for all of those directly involved with MNHP in this area.

Toni voiced appreciation to Betsy and Ana for the work and progress achieved for the MNHP.

VI. Subcommittees

- ◆ Specialty Provider: Romy and Ana are working to get this up on the MNHP website.
- ◆ Membership:
 - Chapter Champion: Brenda Medlin has resigned. We need to find a member of Maine AAP to fill this position.
 - Nurse: five candidates are interested in this position pending application.
 - Culturally Deaf person: No application has been received from Jon Connick. Kristen will connect with Jon to get his application.
 - Parent of a Child who is culturally Deaf: We have interested applicants.
 - Other/ Parent: We have interested applicants.
- ◆ Education: Several members of the advisory board gave a presentation at the Maine Speech and Language Hearing Association's spring conference. The focus was to recruit and encourage speech pathologists to work with babies and their families. There will be follow-up groups established to help keep this movement going. Louise and Carrie are heading up this effort.

VII. Items from Previous Meetings

- ◆ Cultural Competency update: No update
- ◆ Communication with your Child brochure: Draft of insert was reviewed. Only four categories are allowed: Learning about Hearing Loss, Finding other families like yours, Getting services for your child, and Helping to pay for services. Edits were made and Betsy will finalize the list.

VIII. New Agenda Items

- ◆ Advisory Board Elections- Appointed Co-Chair Cindy Brown
- ◆ Meeting dates for 2010:
 - Wednesday, March 10th
 - Friday, June 11th
 - Wednesday, September 15th
 - Friday, December 3rd
- ◆ Grants update:

MNHP was awarded a new HRSA grant for an additional \$150,000 for three years. (September 1, 2009- August 31st, 2012.) This will not be a continuing grant. Primary focuses of the grant are:

 - Hire a Follow-up coordinator
 - Additional audiology support to develop a training module/provide mentoring/resources in pediatric audiology in rural or underserved communities in Maine. Some money for equipment needs.
 - Translating education materials into languages to include: Somali, Spanish, and French.
 - Computer based training module on newborn hearing to include newborn screening, follow-up, early intervention, modalities, etc. It will be available to physicians and others who are interested.
 - Start up funds for Guide-By-Your-Side Program.

- Contact Betsy if you would like more information.
- ◆ Advisory Board Goals for upcoming year:
Betsy suggested that the Board membership might want to think about what the Board's goals for upcoming year should include. Some items discussed were:
 - Work with the Legislature to formulate a provision that allows services to be provided based on hearing loss.
 - Establish conditions for risks and clarifying.
 - More public relations.
 - Physician / Pediatrician education around babies with hearing loss
 - Birth Facility Training Module on Newborn Hearing Screening. Annette Bowman and Betsy are currently working on training module and anyone is welcome to help. Contact Betsy or Annette to participate.
- ◆ New Audiology consultant: Bethany Galligher, Au.D, was introduced to the Board.
- ◆ Year-end reporting:
Betsy told the Board that there is a new requirement in reporting to the Secretary of State where the Board must list its accomplishments for the past year. Board members are requested to submit accomplishments to Betsy by November 26, 2009. This must be reported to the Secretary of State by December 31, 2009.

MNHP Advisory Board also needs to submit the Annual Legislative report by Jan 1, 2010. Betsy will present a draft to the Board prior to the December meeting.

IX. Networking/Sharing Info

- ◆ Upcoming educational opportunities were placed in the meeting packets.
- ◆ Romy shared an article from The Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education.
- ◆ Betsy shared a report brief from EHDI on Race, Ethnicity, and Language.
- ◆ Karen Hopkins was invited to present along with a parent at the Investing in Family Support Conference in October.

X. Next Meeting

December 4th from 12-4 at the Senator Inn & Conference Center